

HAMPTON BUDGET COMMITTEE
MINUTES
April 16, 2013

Budget Committee Members Present

Eileen Latimer, Chairman
Richard Reniere, Vice-Chairman
Philip Bean, Selectman Representative
Ginny Bridle, School Board Representative
Robert Ladd, Hampton Beach Village District Representative
Pat Collins
Victor DeMarco
Richard Desrosiers
Joe Grzybowski
Tim Jones
Sunny Kravitz
Brian Lapham
Mark McFarlin
Sandra Nickerson
Michael Plouffe

Chairman Latimer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Mr. Lapham asked for a moment of silence for the victims of the Boston Marathon bombings.

Chairman Latimer welcomed Victor DeMarco to the Committee.

Committee members made self-introductions.

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Mr. Plouffe, seconded by Mr. Lapham, to approve the Minutes of March 26, 2013 as amended.

Vote: 10 yes, 0 no, 5 abstentions (Bridle, Collins, DeMarco, Grzybowski, Nickerson).
Motion passed.

Mr. Desrosiers gave an update on the Hampton 375th Gala Celebration. The event will take place at Tuck Field on August 9, 10 and 11. Mr. Desrosiers said many people are helping to make this a success. There will be a Friday night movie and on Saturday two Civil War re-enactments. There will be a softball game between the Police Dept. and Fire Dept., an antique car show, a food park and also a dunk tank. There will be a bouncy house and blow-up slide for the children. Events will be taking place all year long. There will be a birthday party at the Ashworth on October 12th and celebrations will end up with the

parade at Christmas. Mr. Desrosiers said the 375th Committee would be grateful for more volunteers.

Selectmen Report

Mr. Bean said the Board of Selectmen is looking forward to working with the Budget Committee this year.

Chairman Latimer asked if there has been any progress with the LGC. Mr. Bean replied that Mike Schwotzer is pursuing this.

School Board Report

Ms. Bridle said the Hampton School Board had their reorganization. Peppa Ring was elected as Chairman and Ms. Bridle as Vice Chairman. Construction will begin on the Centre School addition at the end of April. All will be completed when school begins next fall.

Chairman Latimer said the SAU and School Board have done a wonderful job for the community. Ms. Bridle said special thanks need to go to Superintendent Murphy and Business Administrator Lunney.

Hampton Beach Village District Report

Mr. Ladd said the Village District budget of \$490,600 was increased to \$495,600 at the Annual Meeting held on March 29th. The added amount is for the possibility of supporting an enterprise to occupy the state store space. Mr. Ladd said the District is also hopeful that something can be worked out on the trash issue.

Mr. Lapham said he will be responsible for forwarding information from the Village District to the Budget Committee.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

New Business

Chairman Latimer discussed the financial packets put together by Mike Schwotzer. Sometimes it is difficult for members of the Committee to stop by to pick up these packets. Ms. Rice will ask Mr. Schwotzer to e-mail the packet to her and she will forward on by e-mail to Committee members.

Chairman Latimer presented the meeting schedule for the year. This is also posted on the Town calendar. The public is invited to contact the Committee about any concerns they have. However, according to the RSA's, the public may not speak during the regular meetings.

Chairman Latimer discussed the possibility of the Committee's taking a hiatus during the months of May, June, July and August.

Moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Reniere, that the Hampton Budget Committee take a hiatus during the months of May, June, July and August. However, the Chairman may call a meeting at her discretion.

Mr. McFarlin asked if there was any benefit to having an add-on meeting during that time. Chairman Latimer said she would set aside the third week in August in case a meeting is needed.

Vote: 14 yes, 1 no (Lapham). Motion passed.

Chairman Latimer said the economy appears to be improving and more revenues may come in. Mr. Bean agreed, but said that it is still very stark out there. Mr. Desrosiers said the Committee should look at revenues earlier in the budgeting process rather than at the end. Chairman Latimer suggested review of revenues at the October meeting.

Mr. Lapham discussed the sand sculpture event which will take place June 14 – July 7. Volunteers are needed. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Mr. Lapham at 926-1386.

Mr. Ladd said he felt a risk analysis needs to be done on exposure to weather issues at the beach. Everyone has some responsibility in that area.

The next meeting of the Budget Committee will be held on Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room.

Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Desrosiers, seconded by Mr. Collins, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Vote: 15 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice
Secretary